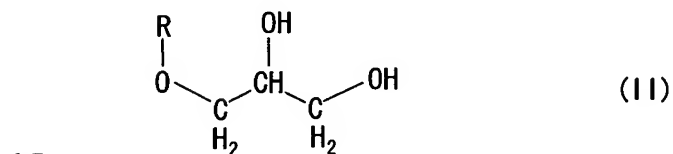
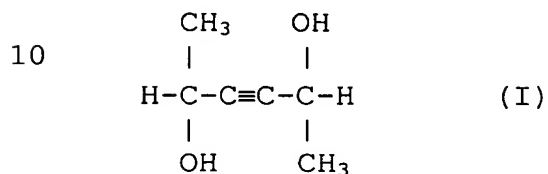


ABSTRACT

An external skin treatment composition containing,
based upon the total weight of the composition, 0.001% by
5 mass or more of a diol compound of formula (I), (II),
(III), or (IV) or the derivative thereof and a balance of
a carrier:



wherein R indicates a benzyl group or a phenyl group.

